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# 1940-A Maritime Story of War and Survival



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## Chapter 1 by Joseph Donovan

[A story derived from the song by The Submarines]

The year is one thousand nine hundred and forty  
And something isn't right.

"Rise and shine!" Someone yelled in the dark. I could hardly hear him since my sleeping mind  
kept the voice at quite a distance.

Then the alarms went off, and the red lights spun on the axles above my berth. "HAHA! Now's  
the time to be alive! The subs are here!" He was a very tall man, but without girth. Above all, he  
was a warmongering lune.

I got into full gear in a swift motion, this isn't my first time facing the U-Boats- I was part of an  
experimental fleet that was testing an on board radar system, and so far seemed so good.  
Except, going from losing half your fleet down to a quarter, is a grim improvement.

However, even with the radar, these U-boats are hard to catch. They're curious shape shifters in

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I was on deck. It was my job to stand watch. I was leaning against the railing, looking off of the stern and  
the horizon in front of me.

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Hedgehogs would detonate upon impact. the change in sudden pressure, along with just the new hole ripped in the side, would case a quick death. This was not the case with old technology that was less accurate, and they should thank us.

"250m, HH FIRE 7lbs AT WILL!" That was for me.

I loaded them in, pulled the ignition, and the noise of explosions rang in my ears.

But it was not from the mortars.

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